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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of JULY, 1945.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1944, was estimated to be 488,348.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Issues prior to April 1945 contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only).

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			JUNE		6 months ended	
			June			
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Marriages	..	No.	245	414	1,894	2,387
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	6.06	10.41	7.79	9.92
Births	..	No.	804	868	5,622	5,379
"		*Rate per 1000 of population.	19.90	21.83	23.13	22.35
Deaths	..	No.	364	399	2,190	2,126
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	9.01	10.03	9.01	8.83
Infant Mortality		No.	27	36	152	173
"	"	Rate per 1000 live births	33.58	41.47	27.04	32.16
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>						
Tuberculosis			10	20	80	80
Cancer			43	38	277	267
Influenza			-	1	2	3
Diphtheria			1	1	9	7
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			37	37	214	179
Arteriosclerosis			12	26	83	91
Diseases of the Heart			107	95	563	505
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			22	37	126	158
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			4	9	33	26
Nephritis			13	17	86	78
Diseases of Early Infancy			19	14	88	92
Senility			11	16	74	80
Accidents			19	20	116	125
All Other Causes			66	68	439	435
Total			364	399	2,190	2,126

*Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the seven months ended July 1945 totalled 134,034 acres, an increase of 14,763 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,130,790 acres, a decrease of 793,036 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of July		12 months ended June	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	961,392	986,348	13,953,830	13,589,175
Revenue per Head of Population	£1.19. 1.	£2. 0. 7.	£28.11. 6.	£28. 3. 4.
Expenditure ..	1,221,345	1,199,752	13,949,340	13,551,154
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£2. 9. 8.	£2. 9. 5.	£28.11. 3.	£28. 1. 9.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st July 1945 amounted to £32,190,774, or £65.8.0. per head of population, as against £26,376,051, or £54.5.9d. per head as at the 31st July last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 30th July, 1945, amounted to £2,961,179, compared with £2,653,519 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JULY		12 months ended June	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers	(No. £.)	1,045 371,784	800 353,858	10,436 4,123,163	7,690 3,117,305
Mortgages	(No. £.)	338 299,598	227 305,498	3,037 3,031,985	2,232 1,785,822
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	577	505	5,917	5,707

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1944 - July	706,185	668,445	1,897,871	110,856
August	813,398	663,749	1,448,938	118,491
September	926,471	805,080	1,545,195	110,574
October	1,099,405	509,349	1,394,583	116,416
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 - January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

One Local Company, with a nominal capital of £300,000, and three Foreign Companies were registered for the month of July, 1945. For the corresponding month last year there were three foreign companies registered.

BANKRUPTCY.

	12 months ended June					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	3	3,953	2,130	7	9,456	6,795
Deeds of Assignment (a)	2	1,474	1,671	1	780	661
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

		JUNE		Twelve months ended June	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings	£.	299,950	362,623	4,276,250	4,386,523
Working Expenses	£.	327,555	337,973	3,764,290	3,795,929
Train miles run		493,133	520,939	6,262,697	6,132,056
Passenger Journeys		1,531,578	1,704,341	18,099,395	18,773,221
Tonnage carried -					
Paying Goods		200,349	234,573	2,765,099	2,410,417
Livestock		7,024	11,641	139,332	149,720
Departmental (Free Freight)		42,955	45,699	558,553	472,866
Total		250,328	291,913	3,462,984	3,033,003
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		25,228,416	25,979,604	319,516,276	289,195,857
Livestock		691,089	1,222,903	15,281,119	17,391,644
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,981,390	6,798,479	78,509,759	69,462,024
Total		31,900,895	34,000,986	413,307,154	376,049,525

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	38	1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	1	79	-	8
May	2	22	2	24	2	110	4	55
June	6	20	-	7	9	20	-	7
July	-	20	2	7	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	29,754	22,042	289	4,043
February	18,261	6,384	244	2,612	30,199	22,687	296	4,193
March	18,265	6,384	244	2,616	30,311	22,913	297	4,240
April	18,380	6,498	244	2,695	30,370	23,185	294	4,376
May	18,464	6,599	244	2,775	30,602	23,590	295	4,487
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
July	17,732	6,019	186	2,483	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - JUNE	88	366	4	6

TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the year ended June 1945 and 1944 respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency:-

	Imports		Exports (including Ships' Stores)		Total Trade	
	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944
	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)
Interstate	13,432	13,314	5,834	6,775	19,266	20,089
Overseas	5,052	4,260	13,570	12,757	18,622	17,017
TOTAL	18,484	17,574	19,404	19,532	37,888	37,106

BUILDING ACTIVITY.(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JULY, 1945	46	33,529	1	206	155	9,204	216	54,021
JULY, 1944	21	10,994	3	8,903	81	5,435	105	25,332
Year ended June, 1945	530	362,811	20	45,079	1430	196,019	1,980	603,909
Year ended June, 1944	121	58,323	20	39,998	967	140,380	1,108	238,701

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JULY, 1945	3	2,940	2	550	27	1,118	32	4,608
JULY, 1944	17	13,505	-	-	28	4,463	45	17,968
Year ended June, 1945	73	54,729	13	9,056	273	15,446	359	79,231
Year ended June, 1944	21	10,491	8	1,885	189	9,141	218	21,517

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

856,574 lbs. were produced during June 1945, and 12,684,353 lbs. for the twelve months ended June 1945, as against 707,422 lbs. and 13,817,434 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		JULY		7 months ended July	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	39,862	36,581	262,098	251,000
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	429,009	384,103	2,788,338	2,625,306

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the seven months ended July 1945 amounted to £173,041, as against £507,313 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	JULY		12 months ended June	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1069	1069	1060	1054
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1203	1187	1188	1172
Northam	1080	1085	1070	1063
Bunbury	1057	1053	1044	1029
Geraldton	1094	1117	1089	1097

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100).					Retail Establishments (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139	142	-	955	835	827	876
May	112	119	134	140	143	-	927	836	832	891
June	113	118	135	139	143	-	907	835	829	903
July	113	117	136	140(a)		1000	888	828	832	
August	113	119	136	140		987	882	814	832	
Sept.	114	120	137	140		994	877	806	834	
October	115	122	138	141		996	874	801	837	
November	116	123	136	142		1016	873	814	851	
December	118	124	137	143		1028	886	840	886	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JULY		12 months ended June	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	17,732	16,677	186,377	174,534
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	15,398	14,029	157,605	148,301

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